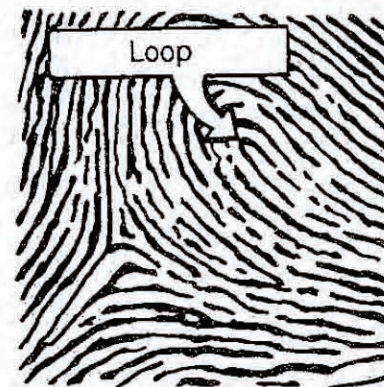
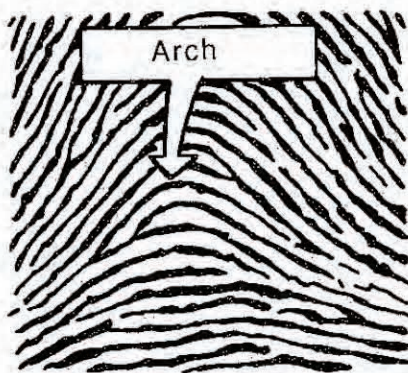
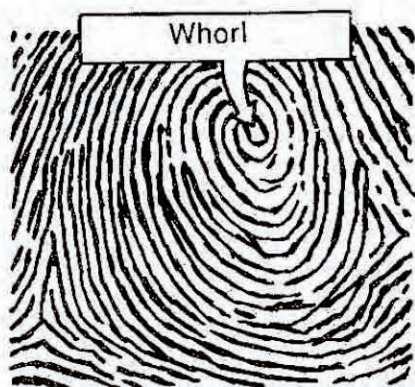


Fingerprint Patterns

Every person in the world has a unique set of fingerprints, unlike those of any other person who ever lived.

Even though everyone's fingerprints are unique, there are basic patterns that are always found. These patterns help criminalists classify fingerprints.

The three basic patterns are:



Whorl patterns have lots of circles that **do not leave** either side of the print.

Arch patterns have lines that start on one side of the print, rise toward the center, and leave on the **other** side of the print.

Loop patterns have lines that start on one side of the print, rise toward the center, turn back and leave on the **same** side from which they started.

